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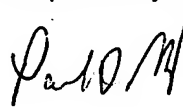
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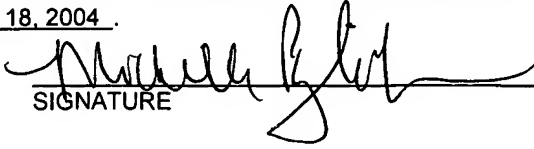
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed concurrently herewith. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

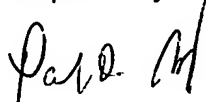
- ☐ Within three (3) months of the filing date of the national application;
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- ☒ **XXX** Before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits;
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The cited foreign references in the attached PTO 1449 are enclosed.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed references and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	GB 344210	3/5/31	United Kingdom			X	
	GB 2388769 A	11/26/03	United Kingdom			X	
	GB 2246717 A	2/12/92	United Kingdom			X	
	GB 2092472 A	8/18/82	United Kingdom			X	
	EP 1321087 A1	6/25/03	Europe			X	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Great Britain Search Report Application No. GB0325418.2, dated April 16, 2004.

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